

very easily ; but by what right and upon what theory can you say this?

I do not choose to repeat the details of King's testimony as to what he saw. You all remember them, and you know that they are utterly irreconcilable with the theory that Dr. Grissom was making an examination. In the first place every physician on this Board knows very well that it is not only not at all necessary, but is not at all usual—in fact, that it rarely or never happens that any lady, particularly a respectable single woman, should be subjected to any exposure, much less to such as was testified to by Mr. King, in order to discover what Dr. Grissom said he thought was the matter with Miss Burch, or to remedy it; and any physician who would be guilty of such brutality is unfit to practice that glorious and honorable profession. No, gentlemen, that suggestion, which is the only one offered to explain this transaction, is palpably a false one. It will not do; it is too thin. There is no alternative for you. Either Mr. King, a man of proven truthfulness, whose character has not been and cannot be impeached, has come here and, without any motive for so doing, deliberately and maliciously sworn to a lie, or else Dr. Grissom is guilty of this specification, and if he is that ends this case. But there is quite as strong evidence, outside of what King and the other witnesses swore to, and this evidence is furnished by Dr. Grissom himself and by two of his own witnesses, namely, Mrs. Burch, the mother, and Mrs. Sechrest, the sister, of Miss Burch. I was touched deeply when that old lady, with child-like simplicity and faith in the story she had been made to believe, described her daughter's condition before she came to this institution, and when she visited her home in December last, and when she had become insane. She and her daughter, Mrs. Sechrest, supposing that they were strengthening Dr. Grissom's testimony, said that Miss Burch was suffering from the complaint described by him when she visited her home last December, and also when they came down here to see her after she became insane, and yet Dr. Grissom certified over his own signature, when Miss Burch was committed as an in-